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There were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture was rated 36 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Pasture was rated 78 percent of normal. The main farm activities were rice and soybean harvest, planting ryegrass and winter grazing, and finishing cotton defoliation. The cotton harvest is underway. The cool temperatures delayed defoliation and maturing of cotton. The rain delayed harvest of some crops and the lack of rain delayed germination of ryegrass and winter grazing.

Crop Progress In Percentages					Crop Conditions In Percentages				
Crop	Event	1994	1993	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Harvested	74	61	62			7	41	52
	Silage Harvested	99	92	95					
Cotton	Open Bolls	95	89	86		1	25	70	4
	Harvested	13	4	13					
Rice	Mature	96	69	81				69	31
	Harvested	67	30	45					
Sorghum	Harvested	85	63	65		2	47	46	5
	Silage Harvested	92	87	90					
Soybeans	Turning Color	87	60	63			23	41	36
	Shedding Leaves	57	31	34					
	Harvested	24	3	6					
Wheat	Planted	6	3	8					
Peanuts	Harvested	35	74	75					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	60	49	52					
Pecans					13	13	54	20	
Livestock							16	79	5

County Agent Comments

"Harvest continues to move along nicely. Rice has been slowed due to storage space shortage. Cotton harvest should be going full blast next week if it doesn't rain."

— Don Respass, Quitman County

"Showers on Thursday night shut down corn harvesting which just got underway. The showers will aid winter grazing that was just planted and will also help get additional grass planted."

— Gale Chrestman, Pontotoc County

"Cotton, soybean and rice harvest is in full swing. One-fourth inch of rain fell Thursday night. Soybean loopers are wide spread. No control is being done this late in the season."

— Jay Phelps, Sunflower County

"We started harvesting cotton and yields appear to be great. We have harvested our early planted group IV soybeans and yields were low. Most of the cotton has been defoliated. Worms were a problem in late planted soybeans following wheat."

— Dr. Dennis B. Reginelli, Noxubee County

"Beef cattle producers are preparing to wean calves. Winter pasture planting is in full swing for conventional planting. Some cotton has been defoliated and harvest will begin next week. Soybean harvest should commence around October 1."

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

"Velvetbean caterpillars are being sprayed in soybeans. Cotton, corn and grain sorghum crops look very good. Very dry conditions exist in most of the county. A lot of ryegrass is being planted, but we need a steady source of moisture for germination and to maintain a good stand."

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

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Weather Summary From 09/18/94 to 09/24/94 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Tunica	85	49	67	71	-3.9	.40	-.30	2	1.55	90	69	79	.17
Clarksdale	83	55	70	73	-2.6	.56	-.19	2	2.36	84	66	75	.20
Cleveland	87	51	68	74	-5.1	.21	-.64	3	1.22				
Extreme/Average	87	49	68	73	-3.9	.39	-.38	2	1.71	90	66	77	.19
2. North-Central													
Memphis	84	50	69	73	-3.9	.80	-.03	3	1.72				
Holly Springs	88	48	65	70	-4.8	1.16	.32	3	3.21	85	65	74	.17
Oxford	83	50	67	71	-3.6	.94	.03	3	3.07				
Extreme/Average	88	48	67	71	-4.1	.97	.11	3	2.67	85	65	74	.17
3. Northeast													
Corinth	84	48	66	71	-4.7	.72	-.19	1	4.58				
Iuka	81	46	63	70	-7.1	1.51	.63	3	4.91				
Booneville	81	51	66	70	-4.9	.21	-.67	2	1.76				
Pontotoc	83	51	67	71	-4.1	.03	-.94	1	4.08	85	65	75	.16
Tupelo	82	51	67	73	-5.3	.03	-.84	1	1.43				
Verona	84	51	67	73	-5.2	.70	-.17	2	6.11	83	62	72	.16
Extreme/Average	84	46	66	71	-5.2	.53	-.36	2	3.81	85	62	74	.16
4. Lower Delta													
Stoneville	88	51	69	73	-4.2	.40	-.39	3	1.04	80	62	71	.21
Greenwood	89	54	70	74	-3.4	.24	-.60	2	3.52				
Belzoni	89	55	71	74	-2.3	.05	-.65	1	3.25	90	74	82	
Rolling Fork	88	54	69	73	-4.0	.17	-.53	3	2.28	87	75	82	.17
Yazoo City	86	56	70	75	-4.5	.05	-.72	2	1.76				
Extreme/Average	89	51	70	74	-3.7	.18	-.58	2	2.37	90	62	78	.19
5. Central													
Winona	83	44	64	71	-6.4	.05	-.79	1	2.83				
Carthage	83	46	68	73	-5.6	.01	-.76	1	1.87				
Jackson	84	49	70	74	-4.6	.00	-.84	0	1.83				
Extreme/Average	84	44	67	73	-5.5	.02	-.80	1	2.18				
6. East-Central													
State University	84	51	68	73	-4.6	1.20	.29	1	5.13	81	64	74	.15
Columbus	86	51	70	73	-2.3	1.36	.47	1	6.04				
Brooksville	83	53	70	73	-2.3	.12	-.71	1	4.75				
Extreme/Average	86	51	69	73	-3.1	.89	.02	1	5.31	81	64	74	.15
7. Southwest													
Vicksburg	84	56	70	75	-5.0	.00	-.77	0	2.18				
Oakley	86	45	68	74	-6.0	.00	-.91	0	2.13	89	68	78	
Crystal Springs	88	50	70	73	-2.4	.00	-.77	0	4.58	85	64	75	
Alcorn				74		M	M	M	M				
Natchez	84	52	70	76	-5.5	.00	-.84	0	1.97				
Extreme/Average	88	45	70	74	-4.7	.00	-.82	0	2.72	89	64	77	
8. South-Central													
McComb	87	47	72	75	-2.4	.00	-1.00	0	3.15				
Columbia	87	51	72	75	-2.6	.53	-.35	1	2.39				
Extreme/Average	87	47	72	75	-2.5	.27	-.67	1	2.77				
9. Southeast													
Newton	85	43	69	73	-3.1	.01	-.83	1	1.22	84	62	74	.17
Meridian	88	49	72	74	-1.6	.49	-.35	1	2.39				
Laurel	85	51	71	74	-3.3	1.73	.81	1	10.21				
Hattiesburg	88	52	73	75	-2.4	.41	-.38	1	1.90				
Beaumont	89	49	71	75	-4.1	3.80	2.74	1	5.84	95	66	81	
Extreme/Average	89	43	71	74	-2.9	1.29	.40	1	4.31	95	62	78	.17
10. Coastal													
Poplarville	88	55	73	75	-2.4	.47	-.50	1	1.14	98	62	83	.20
Bay St. Louis	86	53	74	76	-1.6	.02	-1.17	1	8.24				
Gulfport	87	58	74	77	-2.9	.95	-.34	1	10.48				
Biloxi	88	61	75	78	-2.4	.39	-.76	1	5.37				
Pascagoula	86	61	74	78	-4.0	.23	-1.16	1	3.86				
Extreme/Average	88	53	74	77	-2.7	.41	-.79	1	5.82	98	62	83	.20
State Averages			69	74	-4.1	.51	-.38		3.52			77	.18
State Extremes					Location					Date			
Greatest one day precipitation					3.80					Beaumont			
Greatest weekly precipitation					3.80					Beaumont			
Maximum air temperature					89					Beaumont			
Minimum air temperature					43					Newton			
Maximum soil temperature					98					Poplarville			
Minimum soil temperature					62					Newton			
Greatest one day pan evaporation					.34					Poplarville			
Greatest weekly pan evaporation					.21					Stoneville			

Abbreviations:

Max = Maximum
Min = Minimum
Ave = Average
Norm = Normal
DFN = Departure From Normal
Evap = Evaporation
M = Missing

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